OBC IAS/IPS/IFS

3796. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of candidates belonging to backward and most backward classes who got top position in IPS/IAS/IFS during this year;

(b) if so, the names of the States to which these candidates belong to; and

(c) their number from each State/Union Territory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). On the basis of CSE-95, there are 27 other backward classes candidates who rank above the last General Candidate recommended in the list and have qualified without availing themselves of any of the concessions/relaxations admissible to other backward classes. Further, of these 27 candidates, seven belong to Bihar, four to Tamil Nadu, four to Uttar Pradesh, three to Rajasthan, three to Karnataka, one to Madhya Pradesh, one to Andhra Pradesh, one to Kerala, one of Haryana, one to Orissa and one to Delhi.

Separate Constitutions

3797. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the States of the Union of India do not have their separate constitutions nor is there any provision for dual citizenship;

(b) if so, whether the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and his Cabinet colleagues swore in the name of the State Constitution while taking oath of office last month; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Yes, Sir, with the exception that the State of Jammu and Kashmir has a separate State Constitution.

(b) and (c). As per article 40 of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir, before a Minister enters upon his office, the Governor or in his absence, any person authorised by him, shall administrer to the Minister the oaths of office and of secrecy, according to the form set out for the purpose in the Fifth Schedule of the State Constitution, the relevant portion of which is as follows :

> "I do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the State as by law established, that I will faithfully uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, and that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter..."

[Translation]

Documentaries on Rural Development Programme

3798. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the arrangements made for the production of documentary films for creating awareness regarding rural development programmes;

(b) the proposals received during the last one year alongwith the number of proposals cleared and the number of documentary films produced;

(c) the proposals and scripts lying pending with the Doordarshan for the last five months alongwith the reasons for delay in the production of documentary films; and

(d) the steps to be taken for immediate production and screening of the documentary films by removing the hindrances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment had undertaken the production of documentaries and spots for creating awareness on rural development programmes through the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting during the year 1995-96. Necessary funds for this purpose were provided by this Ministry to the Directorate General of Doordarshan. The Screening Committee comprising of officials from the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment and Doordarshan screened the proposals received from outside producers and cleared the suitable proposals at Delhi for national telecast for the production of programmes which were again previewed after production and cleared for National telecast.

(b) It has been reported by Doordarshan that the number of proposals received by them in 1995-96 from outside producers at national level including through the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment was about 800 and 68 proposals were cleared at national level. The total number of programmes produced was 147 with 56 dubbing by producers.

(c) and (d). The proposals and scripts are pending with Doordarshan because of non-availability of funds.

The position in regard to release of funds to Doordarshan for commissioning of films is under review.

Gandhi Development Blocks

3799. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts in various States particularly in Uttar Pradesh selected for the Gandhi Development Blocks;

(b) the factors taken into account and given priority while selecting these districts under the scheme; and

(c) the financial assistance to be made available by the Union Government and State Governments under the scheme, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Required informatiton is given in Statement.

(b) The blocks were selected from among the most backward and under-developed blocks in the country where a large number of people continue to live below the poverty line.

(c) Rupees Ten lakhs Central share and Rs. 2.50 lakhs as States share per block was released during 1995-96 to these blocks to undertake Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY). Subsequent installment to these blocks during 1996-97 could not be released so far due to non-receipt of the Utilisation Certificate. The districts were also allowed to spend upto Rs. 2.00 lakhs from out of the administrative expenditure permitted under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana for 1995-96 for the preparation of integrated block plan for intensive development of Gandhi Blocks.

STATEMENT

List of 125 Blocks Selected Special Development on the Occasion of 125th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

S.No.	State/UT	District	Block
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Adilabad	1. Adilabad
		Anantpur	2. Tadiptri
		Godavari (East)	3. Sankhavaram
		Khammam	4. Yellandu
		Srikakulam	5. Kusibugga
		Visakhapatnam	6. Koyyaru
		Vizianagram	7. Parvathipuram
		Warangal	8. Gadur
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Kameng (East)	1. Seppa
3.	Assam	Cachar	1. Lakhipur
		Darrang	2. Udalguri
		Dhemaji	3. Dhemaji
4.	Bihar	Bhagalpur	1. Calgaon
		Chatra	2. Simaria
		Dhanbad	3. Baghmars
		Dumka	4. Jarmundi
		Shekhpura	5. Shekhpura
		Godda	6. Godda
		Saharsa	7. Simribakhtiarpur
		Araria	8. Narpatganj
		Madhubani	9. Andhra Tarhi
		Supaul	10. Chattapur
		Ranchi	11. Khuntl
		Singhbhum (East)	12. Bharagors
		Saran	13. Maghhi